

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re:

The Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y.,

Debtor.

Case No. 20-10322

Chapter 11

NOTICE OF FILING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, in accordance with the *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Professionals and Members of Official Committees* [Docket No. 362], Blank Rome, LLP has filed the *Monthly Fee Statement of Blank Rome, LLP for Compensation for Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses as Special Insurance Counsel to The Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y. for the Period January 1, 2025 Through January 31, 2025*, a copy of which is attached hereto and hereby served upon you.

Dated: March 6, 2025

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**MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF BLANK ROME, LLP FOR COMPENSATION
FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES
AS SPECIAL INSURANCE COUNSEL TO THE DIOCESE OF BUFFALO, N.Y.
FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2025**

Name of Applicant: Blank Rome, LLP

Authorized to Provide
Professional Services to: The Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., Debtor-In-Possession

Date of Retention: Order entered June 30, 2020 [Docket No. 423]
Nunc Pro Tunc to February 28, 2020

Period for which compensation
and reimbursement is sought: January 1, 2025 through January 31, 2025

Amount of compensation sought
as actual, reasonable and necessary: 80% of \$30,038.84 (\$24,031.07)

Amount of expense reimbursement sought
as actual, reasonable and necessary: \$0.00

This is a: X monthly ____ quarterly ____ final application.

This is Blank Rome's fifty-seventh monthly fee statement in this case.

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DIOCESE OF BUFFALO
C/O JOHN M. SCHOLL
795 MAIN STREET
BUFFALO, NY 14203

INVOICE DATE: FEBRUARY 24, 2025
CLIENT ID: 155760
MATTER NUMBER: 155760-00601 03348
INVOICE NUMBER: 2259734

**REGARDING: DIOCESE OF BUFFALO
INSURANCE ADVICE**

DATE	INVOICE	AMOUNT	CREDITS	BALANCE
07/31/2020	1908397	\$25,484.65	(\$22,561.19)	\$2,548.46
07/31/2020	1908398	\$22,046.42	(\$19,466.78)	\$2,204.64
07/31/2020	1908399	\$55,775.57	(\$49,823.02)	\$5,577.55
07/31/2020	1908400	\$22,514.46	(\$19,888.02)	\$2,251.44
08/20/2020	1911983	\$50,783.53	(\$45,330.16)	\$5,078.37
09/22/2020	1919242	\$59,913.79	(\$53,547.41)	\$5,991.38
10/21/2020	1925894	\$44,914.95	(\$39,840.12)	\$4,491.50
11/16/2020	1931564	\$103,849.68	(\$92,881.37)	\$10,384.97
12/08/2020	1936638	\$67,978.34	(\$60,597.17)	\$6,797.83
01/28/2021	1944850	\$58,271.07	(\$51,914.37)	\$5,773.37
02/23/2021	1950370	\$43,496.36	(\$38,563.39)	\$4,349.64
03/31/2021	1957000	\$37,448.27	(\$33,120.11)	\$3,744.83
04/28/2021	1964026	\$34,425.70	(\$30,983.13)	\$3,442.57
05/26/2021	1970085	\$11,332.51	(\$10,199.26)	\$1,133.25
06/23/2021	1975333	\$5,872.42	(\$5,285.18)	\$587.24
07/26/2021	1981564	\$10,499.90	(\$9,449.91)	\$1,049.99
08/24/2021	1988112	\$24,862.74	(\$22,376.46)	\$2,486.28
09/27/2021	1993685	\$30,361.29	(\$27,325.16)	\$3,036.13
10/23/2024	2231359	\$2,133.09	(\$1,706.47)	\$426.62
11/22/2024	2239833	\$14,604.30	(\$11,683.44)	\$2,920.86
01/08/2025	2247612	\$11,863.05	(\$9,490.44)	\$2,372.61
01/29/2025	2253677	\$25,201.66	\$0.00	\$25,201.66

BALANCE FORWARD

\$101,851.19

ACH/WIRE		Mail
Bank Name	Citizens Bank	Blank Rome LLP
Address:	Philadelphia, PA	Attn: Finance Department
Account Title:	Blank Rome LLP	One Logan Square
Account Number:	[REDACTED]	130 North 18 th St
ABA Number:	[REDACTED] (Domestic)	Philadelphia, PA 19103-6998
Swift Code	[REDACTED] (International)	

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FOR LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED THROUGH 1/31/25

\$30,038.84

CURRENT INVOICE TOTAL

\$30,038.84

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE, INCLUDING BALANCE FORWARD

\$131,890.03

REMITTANCE

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FOR LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2025

DATE	DESCRIPTION	TIMEKEEPER	HOURS	AMOUNT
01/06/25	CREATE EXHIBITS TO BE ATTACHED TO LETTER TO INSURERS	K. ROGERS	0.20	65.00
01/06/25	PREPARE RESPONSE TO DEFENSE COUNSEL'S QUESTIONS RELATING TO INSURANCE ISSUES IN CONNECTION WITH THE UN-STAYED CLAIMS	J. CARTER	1.50	935.55
01/06/25	REVIEW/ANALYZE LETTER FROM INSURER REGARDING DEFENSE OF UN-STAYED MATTERS AND CONSIDER ISSUES	J. CARTER	0.90	561.33
01/07/25	EMAIL TO INSURERS REGARDING UPCOMING HEARING IN UN-STAYED CVA CASES	J. CARTER	0.60	374.22
01/07/25	FINALIZE AND SEND RESPONSE TO DEFENSE COUNSEL RELATING TO QUESTIONS IN ADVANCE OF HEARING WITH JUDGE CHIMES	J. CARTER	0.30	187.11
01/07/25	FOLLOW UP RE ARROWOOD SUBMISSIONS, INCLUDING REVIEWING CORRESPONDENCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE SAME	R. MICHAELSON	0.30	144.38
01/08/25	PREPARE FOR CONFERENCE WITH DEFENSE COUNSEL RELATING TO UPCOMING CONFERENCE WITH JUDGE CHIMES	J. CARTER	0.90	561.33
01/08/25	CONFERENCE WITH DEFENSE COUNSEL REGARDING UN-STAYED CASES	J. CARTER	0.80	498.96
01/08/25	VARIOUS EMAILS TO J. MURRAY REGARDING CONFERENCE WITH DEFENSE COUNSEL AND INSURANCE RELATED ISSUES	J. CARTER	0.90	561.33
01/08/25	PREPARE FOLLOW UP EMAILS TO CERTAIN INSURERS REGARDING TENDER OF DEFENSE	J. CARTER	2.50	1,559.25
01/09/25	REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE FROM CARRIER COUNSEL REGARDING STAY LIFT ISSUES	J. MURRAY	0.70	590.21
01/09/25	REVIEW LETTERS FROM INSURER REGARDING COVERAGE POSITION IN RELATION TO UNSTAYED CASES	J. CARTER	0.40	249.48
01/10/25	ANALYZE LETTERS FROM INSURER REGARDING UN-STAYED CASES	J. CARTER	0.50	311.85

DATE	DESCRIPTION	TIMEKEEPER	HOURS	AMOUNT
01/10/25	RESPOND TO EMAIL FROM DEFENSE COUNSEL REGARDING HEARING IN UN-STAYED CASES	J. CARTER	1.70	1,060.29
01/12/25	REVIEW AND ANALYZE LETTERS FROM INSURERS RELATING TO DEFENSE OF UNSTAYED CASE AND STATUS OF DEFENSE	J. CARTER	1.10	686.07
01/13/25	REVIEW COURT'S ORDER AS RELATES TO MEDIATION	J. MURRAY	0.20	168.63
01/13/25	EMAIL TO J. MURRAY REGARDING STATUS AND PENDING TASKS	J. CARTER	0.50	311.85
01/14/25	REVIEW COURT ORDER ON MEDIATION	J. MURRAY	0.50	421.58
01/14/25	TELECONFERENCE WITH PARISH COUNSEL REGARDING INSURANCE QUESTIONS	J. MURRAY	0.30	252.95
01/14/25	REVIEW MEDIATORS' REPORT	J. CARTER	0.10	62.37
01/14/25	PREPARE FOR HEARING ON CLAIM OBJECTIONS BY REVIEWING CLAIM OBJECTIONS	J. CARTER	2.50	1,559.25
01/15/25	FOLLOW UP RE ARROWOOD SUBMISSIONS, INCLUDING REVIEWING CORRESPONDENCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE SAME	R. MICHAELSON	0.20	96.25
01/15/25	FOLLOW UP RE CLIENT QUERIES, INCLUDING REVIEWING RECORDS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SAME	R. MICHAELSON	0.90	433.13
01/15/25	TELECONFERENCE WITH PARISH COUNSEL (F. ELSAESSER) REGARDING MEDIATION ISSUES INCLUDING PARISH CARRIER CONTRIBUTIONS	J. MURRAY	0.50	421.58
01/15/25	EMAIL TO J. MURRAY REGARDING HEARING ON CLAIM OBJECTIONS	J. CARTER	0.30	187.11
01/15/25	ATTEND HEARING ON CLAIMS OBJECTIONS	J. CARTER	0.70	436.59
01/15/25	ANALYZE LETTER FROM INSURER RELATING TO DEFENSE OF UN-STAYED CASES	J. CARTER	1.20	748.44
01/15/25	EMAIL TO J. MURRAY WITH COMMENTS ON HEARING REGARDING CLAIM OBJECTIONS	J. CARTER	0.50	311.85
01/15/25	REVISE DRAFT EMAIL TO CLIENT RELATING TO INSURANCE POLICIES COVERING UNSTAYED CASES	J. CARTER	0.50	311.85
01/16/25	REVIEW/ANALYZE INSURER CORRESPONDENCE	R. MICHAELSON	0.20	96.25
01/17/25	DISCUSSION WITH A. SPENCER RE CASE BACKGROUND, RESEARCH ASSIGNMENT	R. MICHAELSON	0.20	96.25
01/17/25	RESEARCH LAW REGARDING SETTLEMENT ISSUES FOR J. CARTER	A. SPENCER	2.60	920.92
01/17/25	REVIEW ISSUES RELATING TO DEFENSE OF STAY LIFT CASES	J. MURRAY	0.80	674.52
01/17/25	EMAILS WITH BANKRUPTCY COUNSEL AND	J. CARTER	0.30	187.11

DATE	DESCRIPTION	TIMEKEEPER	HOURS	AMOUNT
	DEFENSE COUNSEL REGARDING DEMAND IN UN-STAYED CASE			
01/17/25	ANALYZE DEMAND LETTER IN UN-STAYED CASE	J. CARTER	0.40	249.48
01/17/25	DRAFT LETTER TO INSURER REGARDING DEFENSE ARRANGEMENTS FOR UNSTAYED CASES	J. CARTER	2.30	1,434.51
01/20/25	REVISE LETTER TO WAUSAU REGARDING DEFENSE ARRANGMENTS	J. CARTER	0.50	311.85
01/21/25	DRAFT AND REVISE LETTER TO WAUSAU RELATING TO DEFENSE ARRANGEMENTS AND ANALYZE PRIOR COVERAGE DETERMINATION LETTERS IN CONNECTION WITH SAME	J. CARTER	2.90	1,808.73
01/21/25	REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE RE UNSTAYED ACTION	R. MICHAELSON	0.20	96.25
01/22/25	TELECONFERENCE WITH S. DONATO, BISHOP AND TEAM REGARDING MEDIATION ISSUES	J. MURRAY	0.80	674.52
01/22/25	CONFERENCE WITH DEBTOR COUNSEL, PARISH COUNSEL, AND DEBTOR'S REPRESENTATIVES	J. CARTER	0.80	498.96
01/22/25	REVISE AND FINALIZE LETTER TO WAUSAU REGARDING DEFENSE ARRANGEMENTS	J. CARTER	1.60	997.92
01/22/25	EMAIL TO BEDIVERE COUNSEL REGARDING SCHEDULING CONFERENCE REGARDING CLAIMS FILED IN BEDIVERE LIQUIDATION	J. CARTER	0.20	124.74
01/23/25	REVISE LETTER TO INSURER REGARDING DEFENSE ARRANGEMENTS FOR UNSTAYED ACTIONS	J. CARTER	1.30	810.81
01/23/25	EMAILS WITH J. MURRAY AND BEDIVERE COUNSEL REGARDING SCHEDULING CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS CLAIMS	J. CARTER	0.30	187.11
01/23/25	PREPARE FOR CALL WITH NEW MEDIATOR (REVIEW AND SUMMARIZE CLAIMS ALLOCATIONS)	J. MURRAY	0.80	674.52
01/24/25	TELECONFERENCE WITH NEW MEDIATOR	J. MURRAY	1.00	843.15
01/24/25	CONFERENCE WITH MEDIATOR (M. CYGANOWSKI) REGARDING INSURANCE ISSUES	J. CARTER	1.00	623.70
01/27/25	CALL WITH W. MANDIA, J. CARTER RE BEDIVERE PROOFS OF CLAIM, INCLUDING PREP FOR SAME	R. MICHAELSON	0.30	144.38
01/27/25	REVIEW BEDIVERE ISSUES (INSURANCE)	J. MURRAY	0.30	252.95
01/27/25	CONFERENCE WITH BEDIVERE COUNSEL RELATING TO POLICY EVIDENCE	J. CARTER	0.30	187.11
01/27/25	EMAIL TO J. MURRAY RELATING TO CONFERENCE WITH BEDIVERE COUNSEL	J. CARTER	0.10	62.37

DATE	DESCRIPTION	TIMEKEEPER	HOURS	AMOUNT
01/27/25	REVIEW LETTER FROM INSURER	J. CARTER	0.20	124.74
01/28/25	REVIEW BEDIVERE RELATED ISSUES	J. MURRAY	0.20	168.63
01/28/25	REVISE AND FINALIZE LETTER TO WAUSAU REGARDING UN-STAYED CASES AND INCORPORATE COMMENTS	J. CARTER	1.40	873.18
01/29/25	TELECONFERENCE WITH BISHOP, S. DONATO AND TEAM REGARDING STATUS	J. MURRAY	0.80	674.52
01/29/25	CONFERENCE WITH DIOCESE, DEBTOR COUNSEL, AND PARISH COUNSEL	J. CARTER	1.70	1,060.29
01/29/25	REVIEW LETTER FROM DEBTOR BANKRUPTCY COUNSEL TO CNA REGARDING DEFENSE ARRANGEMENTS FOR UN-STAYED CASES	J. CARTER	0.10	62.37
01/29/25	FOLLOW UP RE INSURER, CLAIMANT CORRESPONDENCE, INCLUDING REVIEWING/ANALYZING PLEADINGS, MATRIX IN CONNECTION WITH THE SAME	R. MICHAELSON	1.30	625.63
01/31/25	REVIEW CARRIER REQUESTS AND FOLLOW UP WITH T. ALBAN	J. MURRAY	0.50	421.58
TOTAL SERVICES				\$30,038.84

CURRENT INVOICE TOTAL **\$30,038.84**

TIME AND FEE SUMMARY

TIMEKEEPER	RATE	HOURS	FEES
JAMES CARTER	623.70	33.80	21,081.06
JAMES MURRAY	843.15	7.40	6,239.34
ROBYN MICHAELSON	481.25	3.60	1,732.52
AMY J. SPENCER	354.20	2.60	920.92
KEVIN ROGERS	325.00	0.20	65.00
TOTALS		47.60	\$30,038.84